

In the claims:

List of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A mobile communication device comprising:

(a) a base element;

(b) at least one functional element mounted for reciprocal movement on said base element between retracted and extended positions, said at least one functional element is a function keyboard; and

(c) a cover element having upper and lower faces, said cover element mounted to said base element for relative movement thereto between closed and opened positions and ~~adapted to move~~ said cover element and said at least one functional element are interactively connected for moving said at least one functional element relative to said base element between the retracted and extended positions during relative movement of said cover element between the closed and opened positions.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said at least one

functional element is configured to be exposed for operative use in the opened and extended positions and said cover element and said at least one functional element are configured to be in overlapping alignment in the closed and retracted positions.

Claim 3 (original): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said cover element is a swivelable cover element rotatably mounted on said base element.

Claim 4 (original): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 3, wherein said swivelable cover element is rotatably mounted on said base element around an axis extending generally perpendicular to said upper and lower faces thereof.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 3, wherein said swivelable cover element is rotatably mounted on said base element around an axis extending generally perpendicular to the reciprocal movement of said at least one functional element.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 5, wherein said cover element is configured to rotate 90 degrees between the closed and opened positions.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said cover element is configured to rotate 90 degrees between the closed and opened positions.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 1, wherein one of said cover element and said at least one functional element defines at least one eccentric groove and the other of said cover element and said at least one functional element has at least one pin captured in the eccentric groove, whereby mechanical interaction of said at least one pin within said at least one groove during relative movement of said cover element to said base element between the closed and opened positions moves said at least one functional element relative to said base element between the retracted and extended positions.

Claim 9 (original): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 8, wherein said at least one groove is defined in said cover element and said at least one pin is located on said at least one functional element.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said at least one functional element is slidable received in at least one channel

in said base element for reciprocal movement, whereby said cover element and said at least one functional element mechanically interact during relative movement of said cover element to said base element between the closed and opened positions to move said at least one functional element relative to said base element between the retracted and extended positions.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A mobile communication device comprising:

- (a) a base element;
- (b) at least one functional element mounted for reciprocal movement on said base element between retracted and extended positions, said at least one functional element is slidably received in at least one channel in said base element for reciprocal movement; and
- (c) a cover element having upper and lower faces, said cover element mounted to said base element for relative movement thereto between closed and opened positions and adapted to move said at least one functional element between the retracted and extended positions during relative movement of said cover element between the closed and opened positions, said cover element has

at least one roller thereon which engages said at least one functional element during relative movement of said cover element to said base element between the closed and opened positions to move said at least one functional element between the retracted and extended positions, whereby said cover element and said at least one functional element mechanically interact during relative movement of said cover element to said base element between the closed and opened positions to move said at least one functional element between the retracted and extended positions.

Claim 12 (original): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 11, wherein said at least one functional element has at least one tension spring element to bias said at least one functional element against said at least one roller as said at least one functional element is moved between the retracted and extended positions during relative movement of said cover element to said base element between the closed and opened positions.

Claim 13 (original): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 12, wherein said at least one functional element has at least one groove into which said at least one roller is captured in the opened and extended positions.

Claim 14 (original): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 11, wherein said at least one functional element has at least one groove into which said at least one roller is captured in the opened and extended positions.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 10, wherein said at least one functional element has at least one tension spring element to bias said at least one functional element against said cover element as said at least one functional element is moved relative to said base element between the retracted and extended positions during relative movement of said cover element to said base element between the closed and opened positions.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said at least one functional element has at least one tension spring element to bias said at least one functional element against said cover element as said at least one functional element is moved relative to said base element between the retracted and extended positions during relative movement of said cover element to said base element between the closed and opened positions.

Claim 17 (original): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 1, further including a screen constructed

in the upper face of said cover element to provide a visible display of information to the user.

Claim 18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (currently amended): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim [[18]]1, wherein said function keyboard is constructed in two portions, each mounted for reciprocal movement on said base element between retracted and extended positions, each of said function keyboard portions having an array of keys consistent with a selected function.

Claim 20 (original): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 19, wherein said two portions of said function keyboard move away from each other during movement from the retracted position to the extended position and toward each other during movement from the extended position to the retracted position.

Claim 21 (original): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 19, wherein said two portions are on opposite sides of said cover element in the opened and extended positions.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim [[18]]1, wherein said function keyboard is exposed for operative use in the opened and extended positions and said cover element and said function keyboard are in overlapping alignment in the closed and retracted positions.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 19, wherein said function keyboard comprises a full function QWERTY key array split in first and second portions constructed respectively in said first and second panels.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim [[18]]1, wherein said function keyboard has an array of keys consistent with selected functions, said array of keys are offset to prevent interference between said array of keys and said cover element in the closed and retracted positions.

Claim 25 (original): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a communication keypad constructed on said upper face of said cover element, said keypad being exposed for operative use in the closed position.

Claim 26 (canceled).

Claim 27 (currently amended): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim [[26]]1, wherein said at least one functional element is slidable received in at least one channel in said base element for relative reciprocal movement therebetween.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim [[26]]1, wherein said cover element and said at least one functional element are interactively connected by interaction of at least one eccentric groove with a pin follower therein for moving said at least one functional element relative to said base element between the retracted and extended positions during relative movement of said cover element to said base element between the closed and opened positions.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim [[26]]1, wherein said cover element and said at least one functional element are interactively connected so that a portion of said cover element engages said at least one functional element during relative movement of said cover element to said base element between the closed and opened positions to move said at least one functional element relative to said base element between the retracted and extended positions.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said at least one functional element is mounted for reciprocal movement relative to said base element between the retracted and extended positions and said cover element is mechanically connected to said at least one functional element to interact with said at least one functional element to move said at least one functional element relative to said base element between the retracted and extended positions during relative movement of said cover element between the closed and open positions.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A mobile communication device in accordance with claim 30, wherein said cover element is configured to rotate through an angle of about at least 90 degrees between the closed and open positions.